

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims.

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--31. The input apparatus of claim 1, wherein said detection units are elongate.

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32. The input apparatus of claim 9, wherein said stoppers are arranged external of said detection units.

33. The input apparatus of claim 28, wherein said stopper is arranged external of said detection unit such that said operation member is in contact with said stopper upon application of the load in the predetermined direction.--

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-9, 11-16, 18, 19, 21-30 and new claims 31-33 are now in this application. Claims 2, 3, 10, 17 and 20 are cancelled. Claims 1, 4-9, 11-16, 18, 19 and 21-30 are rejected.

The courtesies extended by the Examiner in a telephonic interview conducted on July 3, 2003 are appreciated. In the interview, the prior art of record was discussed and advantages of the claimed embodiments of the invention were explained.